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SUBJECT.

Unfavourable Seasonal Conditions.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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NOTES.

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Unfavorable Seasonal conditions

From

The Financial Secretary to Government

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WAYS AND MEANS NOTE. d/- 22nd Novr. 1918.

There is a considerable amount of uncertainty about the financial outlook just at - - present. I put up this note for the consideration of Government so that all important points may be duly considered and necessary arrangements made to avoid difficulty and embarrassment

2. At a Committee meeting of selected Heads of Departments and Secretaries presided over by the Dewan Sahib held on the 29th October 1918 the following estimate was recorded:-

"As regards financial forecast, it was considered, on a very rough computation, that in the event of a famine or severe distress, the State must be prepared for the following expenditure and loss of revenue:-

Relief works etc.	50 lakhs
Import of grains etc.	20 "
Loss of Land Revenue ...	30 "
Total.....	1 crore."

As a disturbance amounting to 100 lakhs in our financial programme is a ~~very~~ serious matter the question requires very careful consideration.

3. On the 20th November 1918 I wrote Demi-officially to the Revenue Commissioner to give me, after consulting, if necessary, the Deputy Commissioners who were all at that time present at Head Quarters, a rough estimate in respect of the three heads mentioned in the foregoing paragraph. As he is in touch with the collection of Land Revenue, with the preparation for relief works required and also with the arrangement regarding food-supply he is in a position to furnish the best estimate regarding all the heads. As the matter is exceedingly import-

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important from the point of view of Ways and Means, I request that the Administrative Departments concerned may obtain official estimates from the officers concerned and furnish them to the Finance Department for keeping funds ready against emergencies.

4. The present financial position is this. Our cash balances now in England and in India - aggregate about 90 lakhs. This amount together with revenues received and a sum of about 41 lakhs to be realised by the sale of securities in hand will be required for carrying out the budget programme including Capital works up to the end of the financial year and ensure a safe working balance on 1st July 1919. After realizing from investments what is required this year we shall have with us, in ordinary course securities and investments of the face value of about 151 lakhs on the 1st July 1919. The market value of this may be taken at about 130 lakhs. Government have decided that to meet all emergencies we should always keep a reserve in securities of the value of 100 lakhs. As this 100 lakhs is to cover the Famine Reserve which at present amounts to 32.30 lakhs it would be permissible in a period of stress to reduce the investment holding to, say, 70 lakhs. In this view a sum of about 60 lakhs may be made immediately available for relief operations in case of urgent necessity. If it is necessary to be prepared with a larger amount, action will have to be immediately taken to secure further funds on loan.

5. If the latest estimates really confirm the rough forecast that we should be ready with 100 lakhs, I would suggest the following

following course of action:-

(a) The Bank of Mysore may be confidentially asked as to how much money it will be prepared to advance Government in case of necessity - - within the next ^{four} ~~six~~ months,

(b) A similar confidential enquiry may also be made of the Banks of Madras, Bombay and Bengal.

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(c) The Government of India may be informed with reference to their letter No. 6167 dated 4th Sept '18 and in continuation of our ad-interim reply No. Pol 344 dated 1st Oct '18 that the North-East ~~West~~ monsoon having partly failed, a sum of Rs. 50 lakhs may possibly be required for relief works and measures connected with the supply of food grains.

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If on the other hand it is considered that at present it is quite safe to be ready with a sum of about 60 lakhs then no such action is necessary.

6. The question of raising funds for financing the Capital programme of 1919-1920 ^{and future years} is being separately considered. It is likely that we would find it convenient to raise a loan of - - about 50 lakhs for this purpose. But as the - - source from which and the terms on which this loan should be raised would be quite different from that of an emergency loan for famine relief or food supply operations, the two questions may be kept quite distinct and need not be mixed up.

I request that the matter may be con-

considered at a very early date and necessary instructions conveyed to the Financial Department.

Shakunavath
22.11.18

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1st Member

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7 If the Bureau officers, who
have been circulated for consideration
at the meeting of the Council

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Dewan

8 M/s. I am inclined to agree
with clause marked A in para 5 of the Financial
Secretary's note - The question may be considered
at tomorrow's meeting of Council & the position similarly
reviewed once a month.

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9 To be dealt with expeditiously for necessary
action with reference to Dewan's letter under
above.

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27.11.18

[A reply received from the Rev. Commr to my 20.
letter referred to in para 3 of the note is placed
on the file. M]

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urgent list -

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(For Disposal at ^{next} the Meeting)

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

COUNCIL MATTER.

SUBJECT.

Note by the Financial Secretary re Ways and Means for meeting unforeseen expenditure and loss of revenue on account of the present distress.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

C. S. Salasunderam
Chief Secretary to Government.

27th November.....1918.

Extraordinary Member of Council.

First Member of Council.

Seen.

Second Member of Council.

Extra Member of Council.

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Probable loss in acct of rice mutation & fuel load situation may be estimated.

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Urgent Subject. No. C. (1)

Note by the Financial Secretary re Ways and Means for meeting unforeseen expenditure and loss of revenue on account of the present distress.

27/11/18 The following estimates may be adopted for the present

Losses in foodstuffs 25 lakhs

L.R. Suspension 10-15 lakhs

Famine relief 10 lakhs

25-30 lakhs

Opinion of the Council.

12 This estimate should be reviewed in the first week of every month at a Council Meeting

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Forwarded, with compliments, to the Financial Secretary to Government.

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20 Fair Final Note signed by the Member
is put up

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22 Vice orders on the draft subn note -

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^{Revised}
Final Note by the "First Member of Council.

Subject:— Review of the Ways and Means position of the State in view of unforeseen expenditure and loss of revenue on account of the present distress.

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In view of the considerable uncertainty about the Financial outlook just at present, the Financial Secretary has prepared a note on the Ways and Means position, so that necessary arrangements may be made in good time to meet all necessary expenditure and loss of revenue on account of the present situation. He has pointed out that, if the State has, in the event of a famine or distress, to provide for a sum not exceeding 60 lakhs for relief works, import of food grains and loss of revenue, it would be possible to arrange for necessary relief measures immediately, without recourse to outside borrowing. If, however, a larger amount is required, it is suggested that the course of action indicated in para 5 of his note may be adopted at once.

2. The question was considered in Council, who have resolved that the following estimates of loss of revenue and extra expenditure may be adopted for the present.

(1) Loss on account of arrangements for food supply	...	5 lakhs
(2) Land Revenue suspensions	...	10-15 "
(3) Expenditure on Famine Relief Works	...	10 "
Total ..		25 - 30 lakhs.

These estimates will be reviewed in the first week of every month at a Council Meeting.

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3. In accordance with the decision of the Council, no action is at present necessary regarding the raising of a loan for relief measures or on account of distress.

4. The resolution of the Council is submitted for information and it may be graciously approved.

P. Raghavadas
13.12.5
Member of Council.

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DRAFT SUBMISSION NOTE.

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I submit a final note of the Second Member on the subject of review of Ways and Means position of the State in view of the unforeseen expenditure and loss of revenue on account of the present distress for His Highness' gracious approval.

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No decision
The C. M.
will be a note
to be made

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The matter has already been reported to the
vide D.O. correspondence p. 14. Hence this
D.O. does not seem to be necessary.

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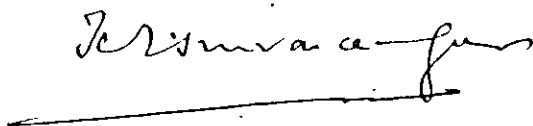
Office of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
Dated Bangalore, the 25th November 1918.

Dear Mr. Chakravarti,

Referring to your letter dated 20th instant asking for a rough estimate of the advance required for the purchase of food grains and of the estimated fall in Revenue Collections this year, I note below the particulars required by you:-

- (a) The Food Controller will require an advance of about 3 lakhs for purchase of ragi and each of the Deputy Commissioner a sum of about Rs. 25,000/-.
- (b) I have no information about the advance required by the Director of Civil Supplies for purchase of rice. I think he may require about 20 lakhs.
- (c) It is difficult to form now even an approximate estimate of the anticipated fall in Land Revenue during the year. I may however say that ^{as far as I can estimate} we shall not be over-estimating the fall if we take it at 30 lakhs.
- (d) It is not ^{possible} ~~probable~~ yet to say if relief or famine operations will be necessary in any part of the State. It will be, however, safe to provide at least 5 lakhs for the purpose in case of necessity.

Yours sincerely,





Bangalore

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The 20th Nov^r 1918

My dear Mr. Srinivasan

In connection with the financing of food-supply transactions the following items of information would be very helpful to the Finance Deptⁿ and I shall be obliged if you will kindly furnish rough figures relating to them as early as practicable. The figures may be revised from time to time as the situation develops. I write about this now so that you may be able to consult the Deputy Commr if you consider necessary

(1) Advance required by Food-Controller.

By Commr & others in connection with

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^{& rice} Ragi, ^{& rice} Commanding, Ragi supply and all other purposes.

- (b) Advance required by the Director of Civil supplies for Rice-purchase, Rice-supply & all other purposes - ^{the nature & extent of} ^{the rice} ^{will be} ^{kept} ^{being} ^{over} ^{reimbursed} ^{after} ^{the} ^{operations} ^{are} ^{closed} []] [then advances ~~will be~~ ^{will be} kept being over & reimbursed after the operations are closed]
- (c) ~~Collections expected~~ under Land revenue in ^{collections of} ^{the} ^{current} ^{year} ¹⁹¹⁸⁻¹⁹.
^{Estimated} ^{fall} ^{of} ^{any}

If the collections are considerably below the estimate, the financial situation will become more difficult.

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It is to be excused for the trouble

I am

Yours

J. Chakravarty

- (d) Whether famine or scarcity relief operations will be necessary in any part of the state & if so, what the estimated cost of such operations will be up to June 1919.

The Revenue Secretary read out the latest season reports received from the Districts for the week ending 27th October, which shewed that the North-East monsoon having held off, the crops were everywhere withering, and the prospects were very discouraging. The rainfall up to date was greatly in defect in all the districts as compared with the average. Public health at present was also very unsatisfactory owing to the prevalence of the Influenza epidemic in a severe form throughout the State. As regards water and fodder for cattle however, there was at present no difficulty. The situation, so far as the seasonal conditions are concerned, was v e r y gloomy and it was necessary to be prepared to meet a severe distress, if not a famine, in the coming year.

The Director of Civil Supplies explained the situation so far as the stock of foodstuffs was concerned. The stock was everywhere short, the worst districts being Shimoga, Chitaldroog and Mysore. It was lowest in the first-named district. There was, on the whole, only about three months' supply of grains in the State. It was necessary at once to import rice from Burma. He proposed, in conjunction with the Madras Government, to arrange for getting 1000 tons or 14,000 bags of rice from Burma at a cost of about Rs.1,96,000 at once, and 500 tons in each of the months of December and January. This was approved ~~taxtak~~ and the Director authorised to take necessary action. Formal orders to issue on his official reference accordingly.

The Director next explained that it was necessary to take power at once to comandeer stocks of grain. Orders should be passed on this without delay on the reference made by him.

The Deputy Chief Engineer explained that estimates for work were ready in all the affected taluks and administrative sanction had been accorded to the purchase of "tools and plant" at a cost of about Rs.30,000. He was asked to con-

consider whether the work of the High Level Canal of t h e Krishnaraja Sagar could not be started to provide continuous work for labourers.

As regards financial forecast, it was considered, on a very rough computation, thatⁱⁿ the event of a 'famine or severe distress, the State must be prepared for the following expenditure and loss of revenue:-

Relief works, etc.	..	50 lakhs.
Import of grains, etc.	.}	20 "
Loss of Land Revenue	..	30 "

Total.....1 crore.

Bangalore, 17

29th November 1918.

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My dear Sir

In continuation of my demi-official letter No. 6075/Enc. 1 dated the 1st November 1918⁹ reporting that the State should be prepared for an expenditure of about a Crore of rupees in connection with the adverse seasonal conditions and the situation as regards foodstuffs, ²¹⁻¹¹⁻¹⁸ ~~I beg to report~~ ^{for His} Highness' information that at the Council meeting held yesterday, a revised forecast was made which put the figures as under:-

Relief works. .. Rs. 10 lakhs.

Loss on transactions
connected with Food
Supply. .. " 5 "

Suspension of Revenue. " 10 to 15
lakhs.

Total ... Rs. 25 to 30 lakhs.

The reductions in the revised forecast have been rendered possible by the cessation of the war and the ^{appreciable} ~~improvement~~ improvement of seasonal prospects consequent on the recent rains. The forecast will be revised from month to month.

the information available. Yours sincerely,

24.11.18
Dewan.

R.H. Campbell, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Private Secretary to H.H. the
Maharaja of Mysore

Submitted to the Chief Secretary.

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which time goes on as ^{the} ~~more~~ ^{more} favourable.

2.11.18

(to be written)

80 No 192
 Chief Secy
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 TARIAT
 PRIVATE SECRETARY
 NO. 8932
 25816
 The Palace, Mysore,
 2nd December 1918.
 My dear Sir,

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 Subl Ch Secy
 1.12.18

I am directed to acknowledge, with
 thanks, the receipt of your D.O. letter No. 6175
 dated the 29th ultimo regarding the forecast of
 expenditure in connection with the adverse
 seasonal conditions and the situation as
 regards the foodstuffs.

Yours sincerely,

Receivable

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
 Dewan of Mysore,
 Bangalore.

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The Palace, Mysore.

5th December 1918.

Ch. S. Srinivas

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My dear Sir,

I am directed to return the enclosed telegram, recieved with your D.O. letter No. 6191 dated the 3rd December 1918.

Yours sincerely,

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore,

Mysore.

Subd. Secy
on 4.12.18

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